DISTRACTED DRIVING

Webinar Objectives

Who is at Risk
Insurance Risk
Liability

Safety Program Elements

What IS Distracted Driving?

Three main types of distraction

- Visual
- Manual
- Cognitive

Statistics

Automobile accidents

Automobile fatalities

• 2012- 3,328 distracted driving fatalities

Workplace driving accidents

Frequency of Distracted Driving

CDC Study

- 69% of US drivers, age 18-64, reported they talked on their cell phone while driving during the past 30 days
- 31% of US drivers, age 18-64, reported they read or sent text messages or email messages within past 30 days.
- NHTSA Study
- 71% of teens/young people have composed and sent text/email messages while driving
- 78% of teens/young people have read text/email messages while driving

MINIMIZE THE RISK

Implement a Written Distracted Driving Safety Program

Scope/Applicability

Responsibilities

Procedures

Training

Accountability

Model Safe Driving Behaviors

Model safe behavior behind the wheel—never text and drive.

Always stay focused and alert when driving.

Take the pledge—commit to distraction-free driving.

Speak out if the driver in your car is distracted.

Designate business cars a "no phone" zone when driving.

Spread the word—get involved in promoting safe driving in your community.

Education yourself and have a family policy, teens are at even greater risk

Government Activities

- >44 States and DC have laws banning text messages for all drivers
- ➤ 12 states and DC prohibit all drivers from using handheld cell phones while driving
- ➤ 2009 Federal executive order prohibiting federal workers from texting while driving
- ➤ 2010 Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration enacted a ban that prohibits commercial vehicle drivers from texting while driving

Resources

http://www.cdc.gov/Features/dsDistractedDriving/

https://www.osha.gov/distracted-driving/index.html

https://www.osha.gov/distracted-driving/modelpolicies.html

http://www.distraction.gov/

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